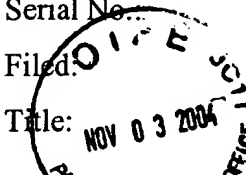


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements mailed October 29, 2001, said period of response being extended from November 29, 2001 to February 28, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$920 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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